



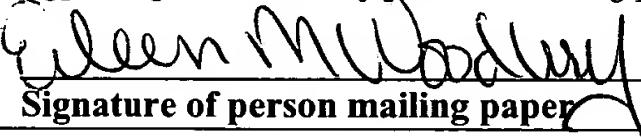
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FOR: SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is in response to the Final Official Action mailed October 3, 2003 and Advisory Action mailed January 14, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced application.

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The Applicant believes that a one-month extension of time is required. A surcharge of \$110 is enclosed herewith. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee, for any deficiency in the fee, and/or for any credit due the Applicant.

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows before calculating the filing fee therefor:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **amend** claims 1, 5, 7, and 8 as shown in the Summary of the Claims section, infra.

Additions are underlined and deletions are struck through.